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General Debate

Mr. President,

First of all, let me thank you Mr. President, Ambassador Rusu, for your excellent chairmanship of The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) over the past year. Let me also use this opportunity to thank the ATT Secretariat for their excellent work. Our delegation assures you of our full support in your endeavors towards a successful Tenth Conference of States Parties.

Norway aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to offer the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. President,

For 10 years the ATT has served as the cornerstone of our efforts to mitigate human suffering by establishing the highest possible international standards for regulating the international trade in conventional arms. As the first, and only, international treaty creating legally binding international standards for arms transfers, the ATT is a milestone for the international community.

However, the set of shared rules and norms the ATT is based on, are facing growing pressure. Let us therefore use this year's 10th anniversary as an occasion to reaffirm our deep commitment to the values of the ATT and their universalization.

International standards are most effective when implemented globally – which is why we must continue to push for further universalization of the ATT. We are pleased that the Treaty now has formally reached 113 States Parties, and we warmly welcome The Gambia and Malawi as the latest two states to join the ATT this autumn.

We must continue to concentrate our efforts for effective implementation. I am pleased to announce that Norway contributed NOK 1 000 000 (approx. 92,000 USD) to the Voluntary Trust Fund this year. We believe that such contributions support the further implementation and universalization of the Treaty.

Norway would like to take the opportunity to thank the President for placing focus on inter-agency cooperation during the CSP10 cycle of meetings. Close inter-agency cooperation is crucial for successful implementation of treaty provisions. We are excited

to announce that the Norwegian government has decided to establish a new national agency for export control and sanctions, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, effective from January 1st 2025. The new agency will be the focal point for inter-agency cooperation in this field. We hope that the establishment of the new agency will provide an opportunity to strengthen the guidance on export control towards industry, continue to perform thorough risk assessments, as well as improving national reporting to the ATT. We look forward to sharing with you our experience from the developments within our national export control system in the time ahead.

For Norway, reducing the risk of diversion and illicit trade of small arms and light weapons (SALW) is a central part of our efforts to reduce armed conflict and violence across the world. We therefore strongly support the continuation of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum. The forum has great potential to provide practical information to tackle the illicit arms trade and contribute to realizing the treaty's objectives.

The availability of illicit arms also increases the risk of sexual and gender-based violence. Norway emphasizes the importance of a gender-responsive approach in arms control and call on all state parties to continue a systematic focus on women, peace and security in our efforts to implement the objectives of the Treaty.

Mr. President,

Finally, Norway would like to highlight the important role and contributions of civil society. We encourage NGOs to continue monitoring the implementation of the ATT, raise awareness and mobilize their regional networks to create further support for the Treaty's norms, principles and standards. Mr. President, you have the full support of our delegation, and we look forward to a productive and constructive conference.

Thank you.